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RE: Recommendation for amendments:

I strongly urge you to revise the current inadequate draft of the History/Social Science Framework to include a more balanced recording of the history of the Southwest in general, and of California in particular, by including the political and economic contributions of Mexicans and Mexican Americans to the history of modern California. Latinos (in California most of which are of Mexican descent) comprise nearly 40% of the state population, and descendants of Mexican Americans (and some Latinos) now constitute well over half of the students in our schools. These students deserve to learn about the contributions of their ancestors and their tax-paying parents and families. I wish you the courage and vision to contribute to the academic success of the majority of California's k-12 population.

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